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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 10, 20, 21, 25, 27 and 28 to read as follows:

(Amended) Photocrosslinkers according to claim 1 provided with functional groups for crosslinking.

20. (Amended) A method of forming a macromolecular crosslinked network from a composition comprising a photocrosslinker according to claim 1 by irradiating said composition with light exceeding a wavelength of about 305 nm for a time sufficient to form a solid article.